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FOR CU/AF, PARIS FOR ARS/USIS

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SUBJ: FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

REF PARIS 14569,

1. POST APPRECIATES INFORMATION FROM "JEUNE AFRIQUE" ARTICLE (REFTEL), WHICH VIGNON DID NOT VOLUNTEER ON HIS OWN. HE CLAIMS THAT ECOLE NATIONALE SUPERIEUR DE TELECOMMUNICATIONS HAS ASKED HIM TO RETURN TO COMPLETE HIS DIPOME, AND THAT HE HAS A LAWYER PRESENTLY INTERCEDING WITH FRENCH AUTHORITIES ON HIS BEHALF. HE MAINTAINS THAT DISPUTE WAS SOLELY OVER LIVING CONDITIONS IN DORMITORY. FYI: FRENCH EMBASSY COTONOU CONFIRMS LIKHOOD THIS STORY. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT NO MATTER THE CAUSE OF DISPUTE, THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN NOMINATE HIM FOR SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL WE SEE EVIDENCE ACCEPTANCE AT UCLA AND VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY GPRB.

2. FOR PARIS: WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ANY FURTHER INFO THAT MIGHT TURN UP CONCERNING EITHER EXPULSION OR CANDIDATE HIMSELF.

3. FOR CU/AF: VIGNON CONCERNED THAT UCLA MIGHT SEND ACCEPTANCE TO PARIS ADDRESS, AND IT MIGHT NOT BE FORWARDED HIM HERE IN TIME FOR US OFFICIALLY TO NOMINATE HIM. CAN YOU CHECK WITH GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES, UCLA,  
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FOR STATUS HIS CANDIDACY?

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